

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 3 are amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and claim 4 is added. No new matter is added.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment asserts that each claim of the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 9, 2007 was not provided with the proper status identifier. By this corrected Preliminary Amendment, the status identifier for claim 3 is provided.

Further, the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment asserts that each claim filed on June 13, 2007 also was not provided with the proper status identifier. However, no claim amendments were filed on June 13, 2007. A copy of the English-language translation of the application, initially filed on May 9, 2007, was resubmitted with a *Response to Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Declaration Already Filed* on June 13, 2007. Thus, the claims of June 13, 2007 are those of the original application and do not require status identifiers.

Thus, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the Corrected Preliminary Amendment is compliant.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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